

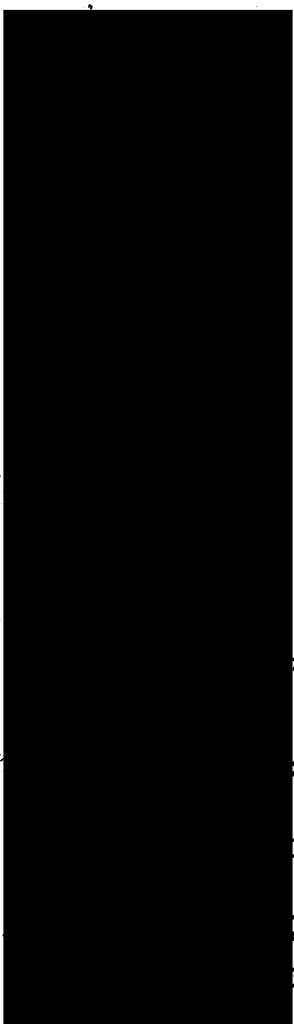
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PRODUCTION OF POLITICAL-
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Memorandum by the Secretary

At the request of the Chief of Naval Intelligence, the enclosed memorandum has been assigned to the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff for study and recommendation, and is circulated herewith for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.

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E N C L O S U R E

MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

THE PROBLEM

To arrange for the production of a comprehensive political-psychological study on the U.S.S.R.

FACTS

No political-psychological study on the U.S.S.R. is now available.

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DISCUSSION

Psychological warfare, although new, is now a proven weapon. In future wars it can be expected to play an even greater role than it did in World War II. It is submitted that the experience gained through operations in the late conflict can best be exploited and the interest of psychologists in this field sustained by a study of the problem here presented. Upon the outbreak of hostilities such a study would be an urgent requirement. It would have immediate present value in connection with planning in this field. Since this subject is of mutual concern to the State, War and Navy Departments, it is believed that C.I.G. is the proper agency to arrange for the proposed study.

CONCLUSION

A comprehensive political-psychological study on the U.S.S.R.

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Brief on [REDACTED]
(Production of Political-Psychological Study on U.S.S.R.)

1. Admiral Inglis has recommended in this paper that C.I.G. negotiate a contract with a suitable scientist, such as Dr. Ladislav Farago, for the preparation of a comprehensive political psychological study on the U.S.S.R.

2. At the present time there is:

- a. No similar study available.
- b. A study of this nature would be of value.

3. There appear to be two courses of action open.

a. A specialist or specialists in the particular field could be contracted to prepare such a study which would be disseminated as intelligence information, the contents of which would be the views of the individuals preparing the study, only.

b. A specialist or specialists in the particular field could be contracted to prepare such a study under CIG (ONE) guidance. An ONE evaluation would be placed on the study prior to dissemination.

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4. It is recommended that the plan proposed in [REDACTED] be approved subject to the comments I have just mentioned.

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REMARKS: ICAPS concurs in the proposal made by ORE on this subject.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating
and Planning Staff

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. The following comments are offered on [REDACTED], subject: Production of Political Psychological Study on USSR.

- a. No similar study is now available.
- b. A study of this nature would be of value to ORE.
- c. ORE is not prepared at this time to make such a study.
- d. The extent to which CIG should be held responsible for the contents of such a study should be clearly defined. There appear to be two courses of action open, namely:

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Course (1) would seem to be preferable at this time. In either case it would be advantageous for an ORE representative to discuss the study with the specialists prior to their starting work on it.

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2. It is recommended that the plan proposed in [REDACTED] be carried out subject to the comments contained in paragraph 1d, above.

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12 November 1946

From: Chief of Naval Intelligence
To : Director of Central Intelligence

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Subject: Psychological Warfare.

Enclosure: (A) Paper prepared by ONI, entitled "Political Psychology", re production of political-psychological study on USSR.
(B) Paper prepared by ONI, entitled "Political Psychology", re exploitation of enemy document repositories.

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1. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith with the request that they be submitted to ICAPS for study and be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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